

Hello! My name is Mrs. Lisa Parnell and I am very excited to be working as the new director/teacher at Good Beginnings. Please allow me to introduce myself a little better:

I attended Juniata College and graduated with a degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education. From there, I was director and head teacher at a preschool through first grade private school in Cumberland, MD.

I later worked as a substitute in the Maryland, Garrett County School District. Through this position, I obtained a permanent position as an individual aide at a state funded private school where I also taught regularly as a fill-in for various classes and grade levels.

I have been both a stay-at-home mom and worked with my husband for the past 13 years. During that time, I have substituted at private schools in the area- both elementary and preschool.



I have been married to my husband, Tim, for 25 years this year. Tim is the co-owner of Crossroads Physical Therapy in Duncansville. Together, we have four children- three boys and a girl. Our oldest, TJ, just graduated in May of this year from Liberty University and he will be married this Saturday (June 4th) in Altoona.

Our other children, Caleb, 15; Jordan, 12; and, Emma, 7 attend Hollidaysburg Schools. We are kept very busy with football, baseball, tennis, gymnastics, piano, and guitar lessons. Also, our family is very active in our home church, Grace Bible.

We have three pets: two Maine Coon cats named Panzer and Junie B. Jones (Do you know where that name came from?) and a Goldendoodle named Bailey.

This is going to be a year of change and firsts for many of you and for me. We will be learning about many new things this year in science, math, reading, and MAYBE even do some computer work. Learning about our manners, respecting others, and following a routine will also be part of what we do at preschool. We will have a reading corner, small group learning room, and specific learning areas for learning to write and work with numbers.

There will be lots more going on as we get to know each other and learn together this year. Get ready to sing, dance, play, and expand your brain! Get outside and enjoy the summer! I will see you this fall!

Your teacher,

Mrs. Parnell